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### SPITTOON WASHERS

#### Cunningham Replies

CUNNINGHAM VS. JACKSON  
Thinks Jackson's Argument Weak.  
Editor of The Bee:

Under the caption "Cunningham Scare" I have just read a very amusing little epistle from the pen of one Mr. James Conway Jackson in answer to a letter written by me and published in The Bee of a recent date. When I wrote the letter, Mr. Editor, I very little dreamed that I was disclosing a professional Negro Republican spitoon washer in the person of my good friend Mr. James Conway Jackson.

I see nothing worthy of notice in Mr. Jackson's letter, save perhaps the last paragraph, which reads as follows: "Enough of this spitoon business, Mr. Editor. If I keep it up this hot weather I will soon be nothing but a big ball of expectoration myself."

There you are! Mr. Jackson tells us plainly that he too is "in the business," but, unlike the Negro Democrats, he has "hopes" at least of getting "something better." My sympathy goes out for Mr. Jackson in his "hopes" of getting a "better place" before he turns to a ball of expectoration. But I wish to remind Mr. Jackson that the Negro Republican spitoon washers haven't any monopoly on "hopes" of "something better." The Democratic Negro has as much right to "hope" as anybody else—even though he fails to get the things hoped for, as is the case with many of his Republican friends.

J. C. Cunningham.

### ATTACKS NEGRO JOURNAL.

The Article The Times Refused to Publish.

To the Editor of The Times:

I always look up The Times Mail Bag in reading The Times, as I find some of the letters very interesting and instructive. That letter of Mr. J. Cunningham's of the 15th inst. would be very amusing, were it not so misleading. In berating "the colored newspapers," lest they lead their people wrong, he seems to have overlooked the fact that friendship does not depend on political affiliations, a fact that has been emphasized by Mr. Taft, a Republican President, appointing Democrats as members of his cabinet.

Friend, according to Webster, means one joined to another by affection; an intimate; a confidant, if such ties then bound the white and colored people of the South. It was but natural for the colored people when freed (or turned loose in the big road, as Mr. Cunningham expresses it) to look to those to whom the ties of friendship had bound them for so many years. And why not? Had not their fathers and mothers been toiling, yea and giving their life blood that these same white friends might enjoy a life of ease and luxury?

As to who was or is the colored people's best friend—the very best friends, both North and South, are those who care not one whit whether they are Democrats or Republicans so long as they are good, industrious, law-abiding citizens. But this is not a question of friendship; it is a question of political parties and human rights and as to choosing between the Democratic and Republican parties. It is but natural for the colored folk to vote with the party that keeps ajar the door of hope, that the Democratic party South has been trying their best to close against them.

Oh, yes, Mr. Cunningham, the Democratic party certainly does produce men who are not afraid to speak—the Democrats South spoke some time ago, and the majority of the colored voters South were disfranchised; they spoke again, and the colored folk South are riding in Jim Crow cars; the Democrats South are speaking now, and city after city in the South is passing segregation laws, meaning that the colored people are not good enough to even live in the same neighborhood with white folk. Yes, by all means, let the colored folk vote for a well-bred Republican

Democratic gentleman to occupy the seat in the White House in 1912.  
James Conway Jackson.

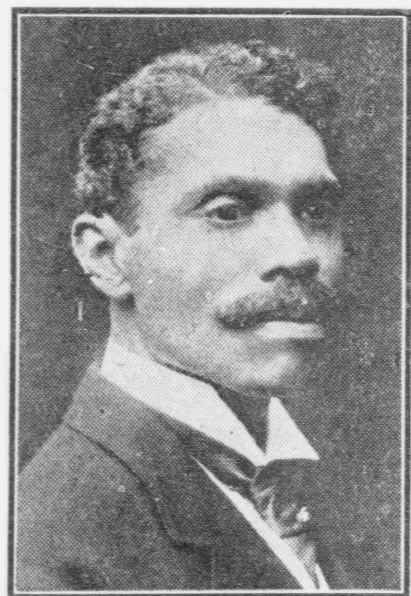
#### VARDAMAN REDIVIVUS.

From Cleveland (Ohio) Plaindealer.  
Vardaman of Mississippi, who may be said to outrank either Tillman or Jeff Davis as an exponent of senseless and dangerous race hatred, is said to be making progress in his race for election to the United States Senate. The last time Vardaman waxed senatorially ambitious Mississippi showed her predominating good sense by defeating him. But the man has an undeniably large following in the State, and his aspirations are always dangerous.

The "Negrophobe" who flourished abundantly a decade or more ago seems to be becoming a less important social factor. He is no longer found among the thinking men of the South. Even those Southerners who are strongly opposed to social or even political equality between the races now look with repugnance upon a demagogue who continually exploits race prejudice as his chief political stock in trade.

For some time after his election to the Senate Mr. Tillman stood as the most prominent exponent of Negrophobia. But Mr. Tillman is astute, and in time he discovered that the notoriety he derived from his rabid utterances in no way added to his reputation as a statesman or furthered his personal ambitions. Of recent years Mr. Tillman has much modified his manners and softened his speech. The result has been added usefulness as a Senator and a higher standing in the respect of the nation.

It would really be no joke to send such a man as Vardaman to the United States Senate. The State that sent him would be disgraced, the tone of the Senate would be lowered, and the nation humiliated.



MR. RALPH W. TYLER,  
The Man Who is Making a Good Record

#### FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS NEWS.

Last Monday evening a large number of Washington's best people and those from neighboring sub-divisions journeyed to Fairmount Heights to attend the Sixth Annual Outing and Moonlight Picnic given by the Fairmount Heights Citizens' Association in their new and most beautiful of picnic groves. As usual, the best efforts were put forth, and to say the affair was quite a success is putting it very mildly. The Wilberforce Orchestra, under the personal direction of Prof. J. S. Hunnicutt, enlivened the occasion with its many popular airs and "rags," and a look of horror and regret pervaded the faces of the many dancers when the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home." Swinging, hitting the bull's eye and other forms of rational amusement were indulged in. The committee, having entire charge of the affair consisted of W. S. Crouse, chairman; R. S. Nichols, W. B. Makel, W. A. Brooks, J. F. Armstrong, J. A. Campbell, W. S. Pittman, F. Coalman and A. E. Briscoe. A committee of ladies, consisting of Mesdames A. J. Ware, P. M. W.



Judge William H. De Lacy, of the Juvenile Court.  
Who Cannot Find a Place for the Carey Girl.

Pittman, R. S. Nichols, Q. V. Coalman, M. E. Campbell and Miss E. Fauver, assisted at the various tables. Proceeds of the picnic will be used for erecting lights and improving the streets.

Children's Day was observed by the Sunday School of the Fairmount Heights Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday. A decidedly interesting program, consisting of songs and recitations, was rendered by the little folks. Mr. R. J. Pollard, the former superintendent, delivered a very timely address. The Donkey party given by Mrs. E. Watkins at the Methodist Episcopal Church Friday night was a success. Mr. Trent was the successful bidder for the erection of the Fairmount Heights Methodist Episcopal Church.

The great meeting at the Public Hall on July 16 at 3 o'clock, under the management of Mrs. John T. Walker, was both a spiritual and financial success. We welcome Messrs. Edward Day, Frank Young, William Darnell, Professor Lindsay and J. S. McGraff to our community. Messrs. Day, Young and Darnell have purchased beautiful homes.

Dr. R. E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, spoke to the Quarterly Conference here July 17.

#### IT IS RUMORED

That the department will see that its clerk work.

That clerks cannot edit papers and abuse reputable officials.

That Bob Waring will soon be united in the holy bonds of wedlock.

That Thomas L. Jones will soon have a handsome income.

That Royal Hughes has decided to continue single life.

Will Pollard has decided to read up on church fights.

That he may take his case to a higher court.

It has been decided by a few colored attorneys to associate their own companions in cases hereafter.

That a colored Bar Association will be organized.

Every member will not want to be president.

#### Drug Store.

In this issue of The Bee will be seen the advertisement of the Astoria drug store, Third and G Streets, Northwest, near the Pension Office. Dr. W. Armstrong is an enterprising man and well educated in pharmacy. His reputation stands unimpeached and you may always rely on him to do justice to his patrons. His prices are reasonable, hence you may have no hesitancy in patronizing him.

Sunday, July 9, John D. Rockefeller was seventy-two years of age.

#### WEST WASHINGTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stanton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who have been visiting his uncle, Mr. Henry Carpenter, of 381-2 Hanover street northwest, returned home Friday. Mr. Stanton is a member of the police force of Pittsburgh, Pa., and was very much pleased with the hospitality tendered him by the police officials of the city, especially Mr. John Loufils, of the Third Precinct, Police Department.

The annual picnic of the Mt. Zion M. E. School on last Wednesday, July 12, at Green Willow Park, Anacostia, was a most enjoyable one. Attending the picnic were the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Hayes; Rev. E. Williams, district superintendent; Rev. Jackson; Mrs. M. Wheeler, superintendent, and a large number of the teachers and parents of the children.

The Junior Choir of Mt. Zion M. E. Church will render the music for the services during the months of July and August. Mr. E. Battles, the excellent (soloist) tenor, can be heard at the Sunday morning service with much delight.

Miss Adia Gordon, of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Ella Hayes, a teacher in the public schools of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Miss Fannie Hayes, 2906 O street n.w. The Bee is for sale at 29th and O streets northwest.

The meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Baptist Church, Sunday, July 16, 1911, included a very interesting program given under the auspices of the male members, Mr. John Harris presiding. Dr. Clarence Wright delivered the principal address on the subject "Loyalty." Solo by Mr. Raymond Keyes; a solo by Mr. Douglass Smith; paper by Mr. Harrison Morton; selection by Junior Twilight Glee Club. Rev. E. E. Parcks pastor; Miss Sadie Gaskins, president.

The Widows' Club, a recent organization of this section, gave a very unique entertainment on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Maggie Thomas, 2612 P street northwest. The style and name of the entertainment was "The Hobble." All of the members are widows. Mrs. E. E. Lee is president; Mrs. M. E. Harris, secretary.

A recent mass meeting of the Mite Missionary Societies of the A. M. E. Church of Washington, D. C., was held at Ebenezer A.

M. E. Church Sunday. Rev. U. G. Leeper, pastor. Mrs. John H. Welch, of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, presiding. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. M. L. Beckett, Mrs. W. R. Arnold, Mrs. John Porter, Mrs. C. H. Young, Mrs. Chase of the Junior Mite Missionary of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church; Mrs. Charles Pryor, of Alexanders Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. U. G. Leeper, and Mrs. Mary E. Benn, of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church.

Miss Mae Spencer, of Anacostia, read a paper; Mrs. I. N. Ross rendered a solo. A collection of \$25.40 was raised for the society.

#### PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE

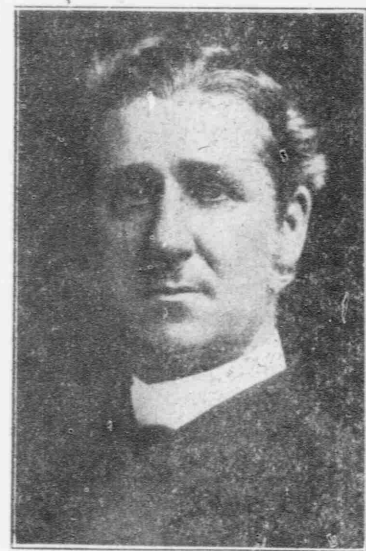
The seventeenth anniversary of the National Colored Personal Liberty League will be held August 16 at 132 Carroll street southeast. This will be one of the greatest events in the history of the organization.

If you want first-class job work done, send or call to 1109 Eye street northwest, W. Calvin Chase, Manager of the Triangle Printing Co.

Miss S. Estelle Clark, Miss Grace F. Johnson and Miss Carrie Carter are among the Washington school teachers registered at Columbia University. The young ladies are doing some very fine work at the University. They are the guests of Mrs. Harper, 15 West 132d St.

#### MR. MARTIN'S GIFT.

Mr. W. H. Martin, of the Northwest Cafe, has been more than charitable to the poor. He gave to the Home of Friendless Girls and to the Old Folks' Home, on Eighth street northwest, the cream and cake that they used on the excursion to Washington Park two weeks ago. The Bee extends thanks to Mr. Martin for his liberality.



DR. W. P. THIRKIELD  
President of Howard University, Who Anticipates Making Reforms

#### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

The Democratic presidential situation is getting more and more interesting daily. First, Mr. Bryan put his N. G. on Harmon, and now he has repudiated Speaker Clark. In the meanwhile Woodrow Wilson is playing to all factions, endorsing everybody and everything. He is for free wool, but approves the 20 per cent duty. He is both for and against the initiative, referendum and recall, in fact he is for and against anything and everything, according to his audience. Mr. Bryan is still to be heard from regarding Wilson.

#### PRESIDENT COMPLIMENTS HIM.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 15.—The high esteem in which President Taft holds Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the corollary friendship which exists between the two was aptly illustrated at the Christian Endeavor Convention recently held here. Speaking before an immense throng on Young's Pier, the President said:

"You are to have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Washington. It is both a pleasure and an opportunity, and I cannot leave this hall without saying that I regard him as one of the men of four or five generations, a man who has contributed to the welfare of another race, whose life is only half run, and whose power for usefulness in the future cannot be exaggerated."

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

#### Important News Happenings of the Week

#### DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

Among twenty-seven employees who have worked for twenty-seven years or more in the Saunders Tool Factory, in Yonkers, N. Y., \$35,000 will be distributed as a memorial gift.

The Senate has passed a resolution putting Union Veterans in its employ upon a Civil Service status, to be retained permanently so long as their services are satisfactory.

The appalling toll of human life exacted by American railroads is about thirty a day, according to telegraphic reports received by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

There has been instituted in Spokane, Wash., by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, "Fathers' Day," as an honor to the dead fathers of the land. Its first observance was last year, the third Sunday in June.

The people of Shanghai have added \$10,000 to a similar amount appropriated by the American Red Cross Society to pay the expenses of scientifically studying the rivers of China, with a view of preventing the recurrence of disastrous floods in the Celestial Empire.

Remarkable astronomical theories were expounded in a lecture by Edwin F. Nauty, of New York, declaring that the remarkable weather of this spring and summer and of the last three years, was due to the presence of a comet in the solar system.

Mark Twain, the noted humorist, left actual property worth \$471,136. The value of his personal estate in New York alone is \$296,746.

All record of death rates of Boston were broken last week, when the total number was 394 in one week, against 375 the previous week. One hundred were due to the heat.

A colored regiment will form a portion of the National Guard of New York State in the near future, according to a bill passed by the legislature. There was considerable opposition to the measure by members who declared unalterable opposition to any legislation which drew lines of race or creed.

A water famine in several portions of Chicago is threatened as a result of the long-continued hot weather. In many houses the water will run only in the basement.

One of the features of the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run was a pilgrimage of Confederate and Union Veterans to the battlefield of Blackburn's Ford. The Veterans of both armies participated at night in a camp-fire meeting.

Every port of entry is being watched by all Government health and immigration officers on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, and immigrants are to be held in quarantine ten days, as grave fears of an epidemic of cholera in this country are entertained.

The Eiffel Tower, which already serves many purposes in Paris, is now to be transformed into a huge "parashail." Just as a parashail protects a person from the rays of the sun, so the "parashail," by electric currents, it is claimed, will protect Paris from hail within a radius of twenty miles.

The Confederate flag after being borne through six battles, captured by a Northern regiment, and returned in triumph to its original owners, is the history of the battle flag of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment.

The City Council has passed an ordinance that no one may sell peanuts on the streets of Bonham, Texas, until he has suffered the amputation of both legs. The purpose is to admit an aged colored man to freeze out all competitors.

Joseph H. Taft, a cousin of the President, is dead. Mr. Taft was an architect and formerly had an office in New York, but for two years failing health had kept him in retirement.